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But the struggle is not ended. Chuvakin did not return to Albania. His place has been taken by Levychkin. Meantime, Hoxha is consolidating his position by appointing new people in his cabinet. He relieved Myftiu of his duties as deputy minister and gave him a more important post in the party.

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An even greater snub was administered to Shehu by appointing Bedri Spahiu Minister of Education. Kahreman Ylli, with all the others hostile to the Enver Hoxha apparatus, was eased out of his post as Minister of Education with praise for the successes he had achieved for Albanian education and culture. Even Lefter Goga was removed from his post as Minister of Agricultural Procurement. Josif Pasko is no longer Minister of State Control. Their places are filled by persons on whom Hoxha can rely, Maqo Como, for example, as Minister of State Control and Haki Toska as Minister of Agricultural Procurement.

Nevertheless, Shehu is still secure because Hoxha continues to need a collaborator with strong hands and without fear of bloodletting to carry out his drastic measures and policy of terrorism. Such a man is Shehu. Many examples could be cited to show that Hoxha himself is afraid of Shehu and does not dare to take steps to eliminate him. Hence the present situation is likely to continue.

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